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EMINENT SIRS AND SIR KNIGHTS:

The obtaining of new members seems to be a perennial problem. You have heard many, many times that new members are "the lifeblood" of any organization, and this seems to be particularly true in commanderies, due to the large number of deaths which occur each year.

Last year the small commanderies, for the most part, did very well, in fact, some exceeded all expectations. But the larger commanderies, with some few exceptions, fell far short of their respective quotas. Thus far this year we seem to be following the same trend, the smaller commanderies are producing, but the larger ones are not.

We were all delighted to learn that Bethany Commandery of Lawrence, with a quota of 9, already has 18 paid applications to vote on. To those of us who are familiar with the difficulties which Bethany has been experiencing during the past years, this is indeed an outstanding achievement. Our thanks and congratulations to Eminent Sir H. Russell Chamberlain.

While some may say that it is much more difficult for a large commandery to make its quota than it is for a small one, I do not agree with any such statement. I believe that proportionately it is just as difficult for a small commandery and it may well be more so. But in the final analysis the results achieved by any commandery, be it large or small, are largely, and perhaps solely, dependent upon the time, effort, and work expended by its Commander and its Officers. Certainly no Commander would be warranted in saying that it is more difficult for him to make his quota than it was for Bethany Commandery to make double its quota!

In recent years, the York Rite Bodies are stressing the necessity for cooperation, one with the other, and no one could ask for better cooperation than we are now getting, and have been getting, from the Grand High Priest and the Grand Master of the Council. The many, and very successful, York Rite Nights are a good illustration of this.

It is by no means too late for the officers of the commanderies, which thus far have not been producing, to get busy and make, or even exceed, their quotas. Of course a defeatist attitude will get you nowhere. If you have the desire and the willingness to spend some time and effort you all can, and will, produce real and tangible results.

Courteously yours,

ALFRED C. BLAKE, Grand Commander

NOTE: R.E. Sir Dwight C. Page is in the Hahnemann Hospital, Room 454, Worcester, Mass. --- a card will be appreciated.

George Washington's Burial

Q. Please give a description of the burial of George Washington.

A. Four white-robed clergymen led the procession to the grave, followed by an escort of officers and Masons; then the coffin with 8 pallbearers, officers of the Revolution; then prominent Masons; foot and horse guards from Alexandria, Va. brought up the rear. There was a brief ceremony at the tomb where the Rev. Mr. Davies performed the Masonic rite. George Washington, initiated in Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, Fredericksburg, Va. November 4, 1752; passed March 3, 1753; raised August 4, 1753.

If Lincoln Were Alive Today

In times of crisis every nation searches the words of its heroes and sages for guidance, Now, on the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday, we turn to what he did say in the '60s (for council in the '50s). "We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth." (From his Gettysburg Address, Nov. 19, 1863)

Influence -- as we this month recall the greatness of Washington and Lincoln, let us not forget that true Knighthood too leaves its impress upon mankind. While Templary is not a religion since religion is the relationship between the individual and his God, yet the noble purpose of Templary is by influence to make men honest and upright, true to their God, faithful to their country and to unite them in bonds of charity, morality and fraternity.

K.T. ACTIVITIES

Educational Foundation

The rapid change of conditions in the last decade affords the Knights Templar and all true Americans the opportunity of joining hands and rendering a most beneficial service to the youth of our land. As you well know, education is needed now more than ever before and is being sponsored by many worthy organizations. We as Knights Templar, sponsor The Knights Templar Educational Foundation, a revolving trust fund started in 1922. It is our belief that more and more of our membership are taking an active interest in this worthy work since becoming acquainted with the principles under which we operate.

Requests for financial assistance will be considered from any legal resident of Mass. or Rhode Island for attending any recognized educational institution in the U.S. It is not necessary that the course being pursued lead to a degree; it may be academic, business, mechanical, professional, nurses training or trade school. Loans will also be considered for graduate or advanced degrees. The maximum loan is $600. when one scholastic year is required to complete the course, and $400. per year when two scholastic years are required. The maximum indebtedness of any student shall not exceed $800. at one time. Notes bear interest at the rate of 4% from date of graduation.

Eye Foundation

The President of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation has requested our Rt. Em. Grand Commander, Sir Knight Alfred C. Blake, to appoint an Eye Foundation Committee for this Grand Commandery K.T. of Mass. and R.I.

Eye Foundation - Continued

On January 23, our R.Em.Grand Commander appointed the following Committee:

R. E. Sir Frank H. Wilson, Chairman
E. Sir William Turner, St. Andrews #49
E. Sir George H. Morse, Jr., Bethlehem #43
E. Sir Alfred E. Grant, Thomas Smith Webb #51
E. Sir George S. Kenison, Beauseant #41

Extracts from recipients of Grants:

From The Howe Laboratory for Research in Glaucoma with the Harvard Medical College and Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary, Dr. David Cogan, Director:

"I can certainly promise that the money will be spent wisely and conscientiously for the good of eye research. Those of us in this field feel that there is no better investment for the good of mankind, and we are happy to have the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. with us in this great effort. The Howe Laboratory is doing some outstanding research into Glaucoma."

From Dr. Edward Dunphy, M.D., Professor of Ophthalmology, Harvard Medical School and Chief of Ophthalmology, Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary:

"I would like to really congratulate your organization for its forward-looking attitude. This is the first time, to my knowledge, where a philanthropic agency has given money outright to institutions who have proved their worth and put no strings on how the money should be spent..."

From Dr. Paul A. Chandler, M.D., Associate Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, Harvard Medical School and Consulting Surgeon, Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary:

"...It is a wonderful thing for your organization to make such generous contributions to the cause of research in Ophthalmology. I am sure you could not possibly have made a better investment. We look to these great research laboratories for the solving of some of our serious opthalmological problems. They have solved many of them in the past and I am sure will solve many more in the future. Your generous support will give these laboratories a great boost..."

COMING EVENTS

March 29,1959 (Sunday)	- Easter Sunrise Service, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia
April 10,1959 (Friday)	- Grand Commanders' Ball, Hotel Statler-Hilton Ballroom, Boston, Mass.
June 2,1959	- Annual Templar Nite at the Pops.
June 11,1959	- All-Masonic Nite,Boston Garden.
Nov. 6,1959 Nov. 16,1959	- All-Masonic Cruise to St. John, St. Thomas, San Juan and Nassau. Sir Kt. Eben Thayer Fogg of Worcester County Commandery #5 K.T. has arranged a charter of the M.S. KUNGSHOLM (one of Sweden's largest trans-Atlantic liners and cruise ships, created to the trend of gracious living and spacious comfort) for members of the Masonic Brotherhood and their families. Rt. Em. Dwight C. Page and Mrs. Page will be your host and hostess. For further details,application blanks and brochures, please apply to the Grand Recorder's office.

COMMANDERY	QUOTA	4 MOS.	JAN.	TOTAL
St. John's	42	1	2	3
Boston	75	20	2	22
Newburyport	20	1	0	1
Washington	7	1	0	1
Worcester County	49	8	1	9
Springfield	35	5	0	5
De Molay	54	20	7	27
Holy Sepulchre	24	0	0	0
Pilgrim	20	5	4	9
Palestine	12	3	2	5
Milford	11	3	0	3
St. Bernard	6	3	0	3
Calvary	42	4	8	12
Haverhill	25	7	4	11
Old Colony	13	4	0	4
Sutton	36	0	0	0
Bethany	9	0	0	0
Winslow Lewis	14	0	3	3
Jerusalem	19	4	0	4
Hugh de Payens	40	8	5	13
St. Omer	21	6	0	6
Berkshire	17	20	3	23
Conn.Valley	10	0	0	0
Woonsocket	12	1	0	1
Godfrey de Bouillon	8	6	2	8
Joseph Warren	11	1	0	1
Narragansett	13	0	0	0
Bristol	17	3	0	3
Northampton	7	2	0	2
South Shore	10	3	2	5
Trinity	12	3	1	4
Natick	17	3	6	9
Coeur de Lion	24	10	4	14
Gethsemane	32	9	0	9
Olivet	30	3	3	6
Athol	9	5	2	7
Bay State	26	6	1	7
Cyprus	11	2	0	2
St. Paul	8	0	0	0
Beauseant	22	4	0	4
Cambridge	10	0	0	0
Bethlehem	10	2	0	2
Orange	5	3	NN	3
Ivanhoe	17	3	0	3
Quincy	20	9	0	8
Temple	13	5	2	7
St. Andrew	10	2	2	4
Reading	20	10	4	14
Thomas Smith Webb	12	8	0	8
Sir Galahad	12	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,000	225	70	295

1958-59 MONTHLY OBJECTIVE NECESSARY TO REACH QUOTA

	OBJ.	ACT.
Sept.	55	19
Oct.	130	77
Nov.	98	45
Dec.	82	84
Jan.	108	70
Feb.	124	
Mar.	116	
Apr.	116	
May	112	
June	59	

ACCMULATIVE

	OBJ.	ACT.
Sept.	55	19
Oct.	185	96
Nov.	283	141
Dec.	365	225
Jan.	473	295
Feb.	597	
Mar.	713	
Apr.	829	
May	941	
June	1,000	

COMPARISON

	1959	1958	1957	1956
Sept.	19	45	53	54
Oct.	96	140	185	167
Nov.	141	221	241	251
Dec.	225	269	312	291
Jan.	295	349	409	370
Feb.		430	520	480
Mar.		511	616	549
Apr.		613	707	616
May		693	772	691
June		744	832	722

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Sir Knights:

Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery is the second commandery this year to reach its quota. Congratulations to Em.Commander Sears! (Information about Orange Commandery last month was incorrect) At our "half-way mark" only 12 commanderies have 50% or more of their quotas.

The words "action" and "excuse" have the same number of letters, but there is no excuse for lack of action. To get "Across the line in Fifty-nine" requires action. Your Commandery's progress requires petitions.

J. Leroy Jones, Director
Membership Progress and Publicity